

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please amend the title of the present invention to now read:

--Sampling Device Including Transponder for Electronic Tracking and Identification--

2. Please replace the heading before page 1, line 1 with the following amended heading:

--"Sampling Device Including Transponder for Electronic Tracking and Identification"--

3. Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 13-18 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The male base portion 12 comprises a substantially flat, circular base 18, from the centre of which projects an upstanding shaft 20. The shaft 20 has provided at an upper end 22 thereof an annular lip 24. A locating spigot 26 projects upwardly beyond the ~~locating~~ annular lip 24 and a locating shoulder 28 is provided therebetween. The locating spigot 26 is generally cylindrical but is of smaller diameter than the upstanding member 20, which is also of generally cylindrical configuration.--